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**Appointment of Maharashtra State
Coordination Committee for Child
Protection & to assist the Hon'ble High
Court of Bombay.**

Government of Maharashtra
Women & Child Development Department,
G.R. NO. PIL 2010/300/2010/ D- 8
New Administrative Building,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
Dated : 29.11.2010

Read:- Suo-Moto PIL No.182 of 2010, order passed by Hon'ble High Court of
Bombay on 16.9.2010, 16.10.2010 and 26.10.2010

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

The Hon'ble High Court of Bombay has appointed Prof. Asha Bajpai of Tata Institute of Social Science as Amicus Curiae in suo-moto Public Interest Litigation No.182/2010 and also appointed as a Chairperson of the Maharashtra State Co-ordination Committee to assist the Court at every hearing. As per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Bombay the Chairperson and the Members of the Co-ordination Committee for Child Protection are as follows:

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| 1. Prof. Asha Bajpai (Professor of Law) | - Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. H.B. Rathod, Deputy Commissioner,
(Child Development) DWCD, Pune. | - Member |
| 3. Dr. Harish Shetty (Mental Health Expert) | - Member |
| 4. Ms. Anjali Gokaran (Social Worker) | - Member |
| 5. Ms. Chitrakala Acharya (Childline) | - Member |
| 6. Ms. Sarita Shankaran (NGO) | - Member |

Save the Children, Bal Raksha Bharat .

The Hon'ble High Court has clarified that the committee will take help of external experts including Dr. Sameer Dalwai, Mr. Santosh Shinde, Ms. Naina Athale, Ms. Vidya Apte, Mr. Pramod Nigudkar, Dr. Nilima Mehta and Dr. Rubina Lal, amongst others whenever required. It also clarified by the Hon'ble High Court that the State Advisory Board appointed by the State Govt. as per the Juvenile Justice Act is for advising the Govt. on matters relating to establishment and maintenance of homes, mobilization of resources,

provision of facilities for education, training and rehabilitation of child in need of care and protection and juvenile in conflict with law and co-ordination among the various official and non-official agencies concerned, and most of the members of State Advisory Board are members by virtue of their office, and dealing with the issues for the purpose of formulating broad policy guidelines, but the Co-ordination Committee is still required for ascertaining the ground realities and give opportunity to the management of the concerned institutions to have inaction with the Govt. departments. Accordingly the Hon'ble High Court has appointed the Maharashtra State Co-ordination Committee as mentioned above.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Bombay the functions of the Maharashtra State Co-ordination Committee for Child Protection is as follows :

- Coordination and convergence with the existing structures and schemes of the Department of Women and Child, formed under the JJ Act 2000 Amended in 2006 for Child Protection, within the State of Maharashtra.

- Develop systems, processes, protocols, for protection of children in institutions.

- Respond and facilitate linkages to address crisis situations or complaints pertaining to Children's Homes across the State.

- Make surprise visits to the children's institutions within the region and offer advise and suggestions for its improvement to the State Committee.

- To assess and review the quality of care and management in Children's Homes across the State of Maharashtra in a phased manner.

- To support the Government through suggestions and recommendations for implementation of Laws, rules, policy, protocols, systems, processes and schemes for child protection.

- The State Co-ordination Committee will be at liberty to prepare action plan for the period upto March 31, 2011. The Co-ordination Committee will suggest the names of the sub-committee.

The committee should give the official addressed of Special Rehabilitation Centre, Deonar, Mumbai, & should hold all its meeting at above address.

It is directed to the Commissioner, DWCD, Pune to display the names, telephone and email details of Chairpersons and Members of State and Divisional Committees on every Home, Commissionerate office, Regional and District level, and on the official

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website of the Commissioner, DWCD, Pune, and the details of the Committees shall be conveyed to all the Child Welfare Committees in the State of Maharashtra and amongst the civil society members dealing with child protection.

The expenditure for personnel and, expenses for communication, accommodation, travel, food for the Chairpersons and Members of State and Divisional Committees etc., should be borne from the financial provision made available under the budget head " 2235, Social Security and Welfare 02, Social Welfare 102, Child Welfare, (10) (02) Juvenile Justice Programme (Central Share 50%) (2235 310 3) 31 Grant-in-aid (Non Salary) ".

The Commissioner, DWCD, Pune shall be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for this purpose and will provide all assistance to the Coordination Committee & Divisional Committees in its performance.

This Government Resolution is available on Maharashtra Govt. official website www.maharashtra.gov.in and its computer code no. is 20101129160508001.

By order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra,



(S.P. Ware)

**Deputy Secretary
to the Government of Maharashtra**

To,

The Registrar General, High Court , Bombay. (By letter)
The Principle Secretary, Women & Child Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
The Principle Secretary, Labour Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
The Chairperson, State Advisory Board, Pune.
The Secretary, Maharashtra State Child Right Commission, Mumbai.
The Commissioner, Women & Child Development, Pune.
The Accountant General (A & E)- I., Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
The Finance Department (Exp), Mantralaya, Mumbai.
The Chairperson and Members of Maharashtra State Coordination Committee and Divisional Sub-Committees.
The Deputy Commissioner (Child Dev.), Women & Child Development, Pune.
The Treasury Officer, Pune
All Child Welfare Committees / Juvenile Justice Boards in Maharashtra.
All District Women and Child Development Officers, Maharashtra.
The Superintendent, Special Rehabilitation for minor girls, Deonar, Mumbai.
All Officers, Women and Child Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
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